AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An aggregated information system comprising:

an information system comprising computer hardware, the information system comprising an aggregating application in communication with a plurality of remote information systems that are configured to communicate with a plurality of reception devices, said aggregating application executing in one or more computer processors and configured to:

aggregate original message data and response message data from different ones of said plurality of remote information systems to create aggregated message and response data relating to a topic, wherein the original message data relates to a previously posted new message and wherein the response message data relates to a previously posted response message to the previously posted new message;

provide said aggregated message and response data to a different plurality of reception device[[s]] that is configured to post message data to the aggregated information system;

receive at the aggregating application, additional message data from at least one of said different plurality of reception device[[s]], wherein said additional message data from said different reception device comprises at least one of additional response message data or additional original message data, the additional response message data relating to response message responding to the previously posted new message and the additional original message data relating to a new message;

aggregate said additional message data with said aggregated message and response message data; and

determine whether at least one of said remote information systems contains information relating to a topic of said additional message data; and

provide the additional message data to the at least one of said remote information systems based on the determination that said at least

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one of said plurality of remote information systems contains information relating to a topic of said additional message data;

wherein the aggreagted information system is separate from the plurality of remote information systems and the plurality of reception devices, and the plurality of reception devices is separate from the different reception device.

2. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of remote information systems further comprises at least one remote information system comprising:

a remote memory device adapted to store said original message data and said response message data, wherein said response message data corresponds to at least a portion of said original message data; and a remote server adapted to:

receive said original message data and said response message data from said plurality of reception devices via said wide area network; and

provide said original message data and said response message data stored in said remote memory device to said plurality of reception devices via said wide area network.

3. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are further configured to operate at least one bulletin board configured to receive said original message data and response message data from said plurality of reception devices and provide said original message data and said response message data to said plurality of reception devices.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently amended) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further configured to:

receive said additional response message data from at least one of said plurality of the different reception device[[s]], wherein said additional response message data corresponds to at least a portion of said original message data;

identify at least one of said plurality of remote information systems from which said original message data was received; and

provide said additional response message data to said identified at least one of said plurality of remote information systems from which the original message data was received such that said identified at least one of said plurality of remote information systems can provide said additional response message data to at least one of said plurality of reception devices.

6. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further configured to:

provide said additional message data to at least one of said plurality of remote information systems such that said at least one of said plurality of remote information systems can provide said additional message data to a requesting one of said plurality of reception devices.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Original) The aggregated information system according to claim 5, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to add advertisement data to said additional response message data before said additional response message data is provided to said at least one of said plurality of remote information systems.

9. (Original) The aggregated information system according to claim 8, wherein said advertisement data further includes hyper-link data adapted to provide an interacting one of said plurality of reception devices with additional advertisement data.

10. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 6, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to add advertisement data to said additional original message data before said additional original message data is provided to said plurality of remote information systems.

11. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 10, wherein said advertisement data further includes hyper-link data adapted to provide interacting one of said plurality of reception devices with additional advertisement data.

12. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to add advertisement

data to said original message data and said response message data before said original message data and said response message data are provided to said plurality of remote information systems.

13. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 12, wherein said advertisement data further includes hyper-link data adapted to provide interacting ones of said plurality of reception devices with additional advertisement data.

14. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to: add advertisement data to said original message data; and provide said original message data together with said advertisement data to said plurality of remote information systems.

15. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application is further adapted to:

> add advertisement data to said response message data; and

> provide said response message data together with said advertisement data to said plurality of remote information systems.

16. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said aggregating application further includes a search application that uses pre-defined search criteria to locate said plurality of remote information systems containing said original message data.

17. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are selected by a managing user.

18. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are selected by at least one of said plurality of reception devices.

19. (Previously presented) The aggregated information system according to claim 18, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are further selected by at least one of said plurality of reception devices nominating at least one of said plurality of remote information systems.

20. (Previously presented)   The aggregated information system according to claim 19, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are further selected by at least one of said plurality of reception devices voting for at least one of said plurality of remote information systems.

21. (Currently Amended)   A method for aggregating information from a plurality of remote information systems adapted to receive original message data and response message data from at least one reception device, said method comprising:

identifying a plurality of remote information systems containing said original message data and said response message data, wherein the remote information systems are configured to communicate with a plurality of reception devices and wherein the original message data relates to a previously posted new message and wherein the response message data relates to a previously posted response message to the previously posted new message;

aggregating by an aggregating application executing in one or more computer processors said original message data and said response message data from different ones of said plurality of remote information systems to be arranged together as aggregated message and response data relating to a topic;

receiving at the aggregating application, additional message data from at least one of a plurality of a different reception device[[s]] that is configured to post message data to the aggregating application, wherein said additional message data from said different reception device comprises at least one of additional response message data or additional original message data, the additional response message data relating to response message responding to the previously posted new message and the additional original message relating to a new message;

aggregating said additional message data with said aggregated message and response message data;

determining whether at least one of said remote information systems contains information relating to a topic of said additional message data;

providing the additional message data to the at least one of said remote information systems based on the determination that said at least one of said

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plurality of remote information systems contains information relating to a topic of said additional message data; and

providing said aggregated message and response data to said plurality of reception devices;

wherein the one or more computer processors is separate from the plurality of remote information systems and the plurality of reception devices, and the plurality of reception devices is separate from the different reception device.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said plurality of remote information systems are further configured to operate at least one bulletin board configured to receive said original message data and response message data from said plurality of reception devices and provide said original message data and said response message data to said plurality of reception devices.

23. (Cancelled).

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21, further including:

receiving the additional response message data from ~~at least one of~~ said different reception device[[s]], wherein said additional response message data corresponds to at least a portion of said original message data;

identifying at least one of said plurality of remote information systems from which said original message data was received; and

providing said additional response message data to said identified at least one of said plurality of remote information systems such that said at least one of said plurality of remote information systems can provide said additional response message data to at least one of said plurality of reception devices.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, further including:

providing said additional original message data to said plurality of said remote information systems such that said at least one of said plurality of remote information systems can provide said additional message data to a requesting one of said plurality of reception devices.

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein said step of providing said additional response message data further includes providing

advertisement data to said plurality of remote information systems such that a requesting reception device receives said advertisement data along with said additional response message data.

28. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 27, wherein said step of providing said additional response message data further includes providing hyper-link data to said plurality of remote information systems such that interacting ones of said reception devices receive additional advertisement data.

29. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein said step of providing said original message data and said response message data further includes providing advertisement data to said plurality of remote information systems such that requesting ones of said reception devices receive said advertisement data along with said original message data.

30. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 29, wherein said step of providing said original message data further includes providing hyper-link data to said plurality of remote information systems such that interacting reception devices receive additional advertisement data.

31. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes searching said plurality of remote information systems for pre-defined search criteria.

32. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes receiving address location data from a managing user, wherein said address location data corresponds to said one of said plurality of remote information systems.

33. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes receiving address location data from said reception devices, wherein said address location data corresponds to said one of said plurality of remote information systems.

34. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes receiving nomination data from at least one of said reception devices.

35. (Previously presented)   The method of claim 21, wherein said step of identifying said plurality of remote information systems further includes receiving voting data from at least one of said reception devices.

36. (Original)   The method of claim 21, wherein said step of retrieving said original message data further includes searching said plurality of remote information systems for topical search criteria, wherein said topical search criteria corresponds to said original message data.